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SUBJECT: OAS: PANAMA TO SUPPORT U.S. CANDIDATE FOR  
INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, ANNOUNCES  
SUPPORT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL CANDIDATE

REF: A. STATE 75344

[1](#)B. STATE 99038

[1](#)1. (SBU) Ambassador Watt called Foreign Minister Samuel Lewis on Friday, May 27, to encourage support for the U.S. candidate for Inter-American Commission on Human Rights Paolo [1](#)G. Carozza. The Foreign Minister informed Ambassador Watt on Tuesday, May 31, that the GOP would support Carozza.

[1](#)2. (U) The MFA's Office of International Organizations and Commissions delivered a diplomatic note to post on May 20 indicating support for OAS Administrative Tribunal candidate Andre Surena in the elections that will take place during the OAS General Assembly June 5-7.

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